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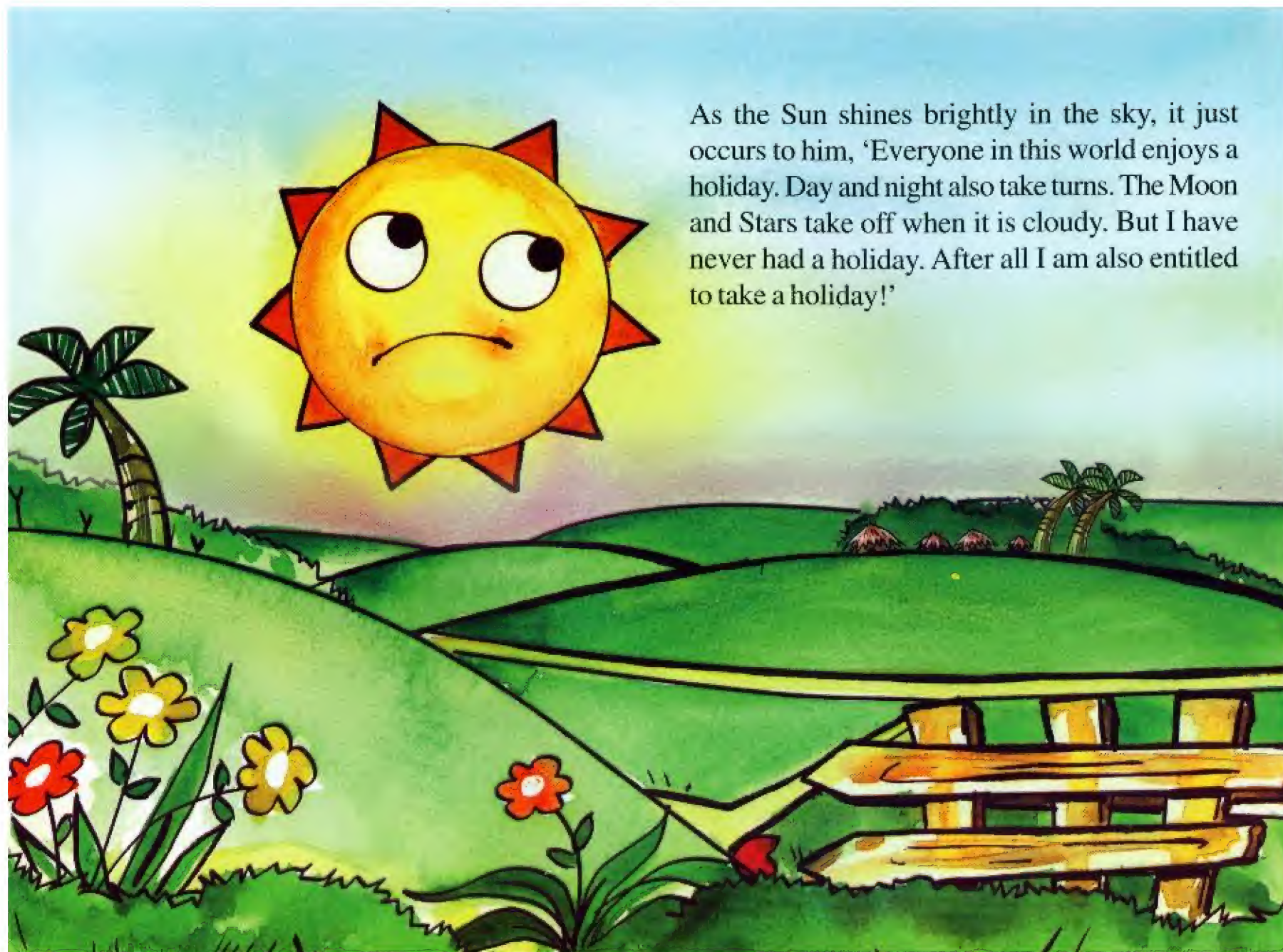
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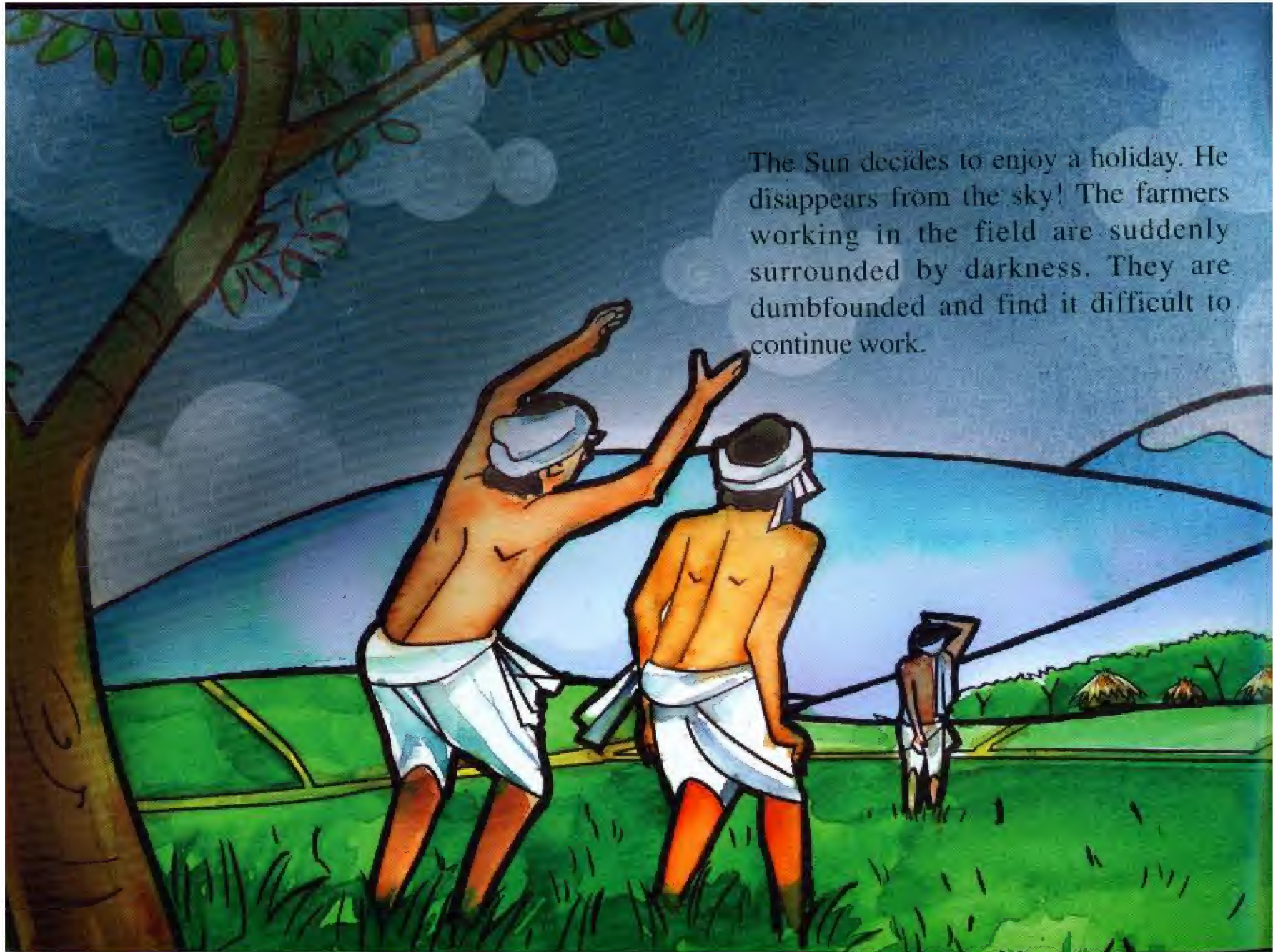




As the Sun shines brightly in the sky, it just occurs to him, 'Everyone in this world enjoys a holiday. Day and night also take turns. The Moon and Stars take off when it is cloudy. But I have never had a holiday. After all I am also entitled to take a holiday!'



The Sun decides to enjoy a holiday. He disappears from the sky! The farmers working in the field are suddenly surrounded by darkness. They are dumbfounded and find it difficult to continue work.











All the birds are flying here and there to collect food for their young. Engulfed by sudden darkness, they become puzzled. Instead of collecting food, they start returning home. Today, their children will remain hungry.















Even the snow on the mountain peaks ceases to melt as the Sun does the disappearing act! This melting snow gives life to innumerable rivers, all come to a standstill. All plants deriving food from the rays of the Sun also begin to wilt.









At one place a cricket match reaches its high point. Only two overs remain. Due to sudden darkness that engulfs lakhs and crores of spectators, there is chaos!



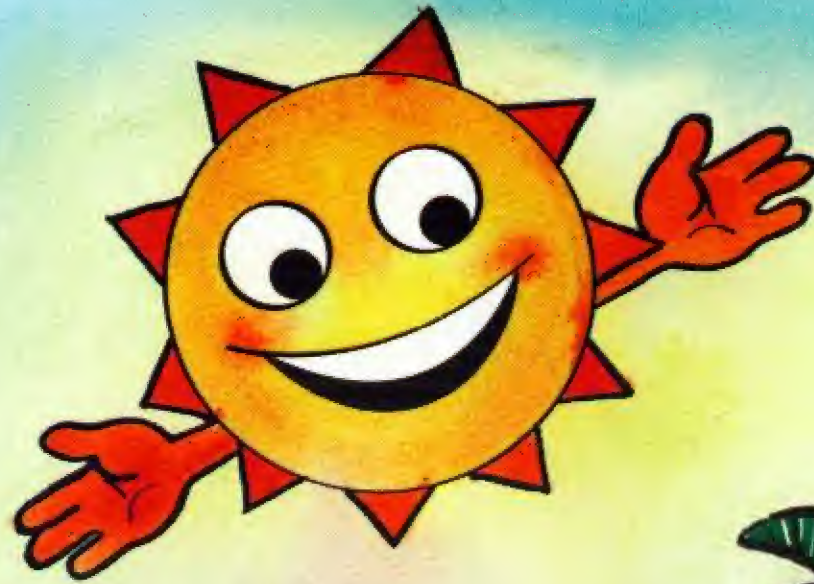




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From high above the sky, the Sun is  
watching all this. There is trouble and  
turmoil wherever he looks. Without him,  
the world has come to a standstill! 'The  
Nature too will come to a halt, it seems.  
What is the gain from such a holiday which  
only spells doom?' ★







The Sun changes his mind, 'Holiday cancelled. Return to work immediately!' At the batt of an eyelid, the Sun is back in the sky, shining brighter than before. He looks down at the Earth again. By then the whole world is engrossed in its routine work.











A wave of joy sweeps over the Sun.  
He touches his ears and pledges,  
“Holiday? Oh no! Never again!”





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